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LOW COST LAPTOPS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the low-cost Laptops as announced by the Government have come into existence in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which the same will be available in the country for the use of common man ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a),(b)&(c) The low cost computers have been developed by M/s. Encore Software Ltd., Bangalore under the New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative(NMITLI) programme being implemented by CSIR. The prototypes of the computers were launched on 10th May, 2005. Presently, the company is tying up with several component suppliers for manufacturing and marketing the product, and the same will be available in the market in a few months time.